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William Fitzgerald serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of African Affairs overseeing policy and operations at all U.S. missions in West Africa and supervises the work of the Bureau's Economic Policy Office. From 2006-2009, Fitzgerald served as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Population, Refugees & Migration. His regional portfolio included Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, Central Asia and Latin America. He oversaw the annual spending of more than \$500 million of refugee and other humanitarian assistance to those regions.

Prior to joining PRM, from 2003-2006, Fitzgerald was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda. During his final year, he served as chargé d'affaires during the controversial 2006 elections. A 21-year veteran of the Foreign Service, Fitzgerald has also served at other African posts – Togo, Mali, and Zambia – as well as tours in Mexico and Ecuador. From 1993-95, Fitzgerald worked in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs in Washington, where he worked on African security policy.

Before he joined the Foreign Service in 1988, Fitzgerald worked as a reporter and editor for United Press International and the Paris-based Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago.